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GOVERNMENT SCORED IN SWEDISH SPY CASE

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Newspapers speaking for the ruling Social Democratic party joined today in a new Opposition-led round of criticism of the Government for its handling of the Wennerstrom spy case.

Most of the criticism centered on Defense Minister Sven Andersson, who said in a statement made public yesterday that he had first heard of suspicions against Col. Stig Wennerstrom in 1959.

However, Premier Tage Erlander was not informed until last June 22, two days after the colonel had been arrested.

The former air force officer, who at his arrest was a Foreign Ministry disarmament specialist, has subsequently admitted having spied for the Soviet Union since 1948.

The semi-official newspaper Stockholm Tidningen deplored the "dangerous lack of liaison within the Government" and said Mr. Erlander must share in the blame. The paper called on the Government to take steps to avoid further "mishaps."

Although the Opposition press used strong language, there was no further call for resignations.

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